

New Mexico - Silver City Field Office
FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
 Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - Potential Points - 200 (25%)*

***(Applications that earn 0 points in this section will receive no further consideration)**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	200	
	Ecological SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	170	
	Site SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	140	
	Similarity SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	110	
	Index SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	80	
	(SI)* SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30	
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	200
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	200
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - Potential Points - 520 (65%)*

***(Maximum points that will be awarded is 520, regardless of individual points available per practice)**

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
Soil Erosion			
Sheet and Rill and/or Wind Erosion			
Brush Management (314) / Prescribed Burn (338)(incl. Presc. Graz.-Deferment if applic.)	50		
Well (642) / Pumping Plant (533) / Spring Development (574)	40		
Trough or Tank (614)	40		
Pipeline (516)	20		
Forest Stand Improvement (666)	20		
Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)			
Classic Gullies and Streambank Erosion			
Grade Stabilization Structure (410, 410L)	200		
Diversion Dam (348 G or P)	40		
Diversion (362 A or B)	40		
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (580 R,F or W)	200		
Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)			
Water Quantity			
Water Management for Non-Irrigated Lands			
Brush Management (314) / Prescribed Burn (338)(incl. Presc. Graz.-Deferment if applic.)	40		
Well (642) / Pumping Plant (533) / Spring Development (574)	30		
Trough or Tank (614)	30		
Pipeline (516)	20		
Pond(378) & (521 A,B, or C)	20		
Grazing Land - Mechanical Treatment (548)	20		
Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)			

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Water Quality

Surface water, Contaminants, Suspended sediment, Turbidity, Low dissolved Oxygen

Grade Stabilization Structure (410, 410L) **200**

Streambank & Shoreline Protection (580 R,F or W) **200**

Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)

Plants

Condition

Productivity / Health and Vigor

Brush Management (314) / Prescribed Burn (338)(incl. Presc. Graz.-Deferment if applic.) **30**

Well (642) / Pumping Plant (533) / Spring Development (574) **20**

Trough or Tank (614) **20**

Pipeline (516) **10**

Range Planting(550) **20**

Grazing Land - Mechanical Treatment (548) **20**

Forest Stand Improvement (666) **20**

Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)

Animals

Habitat

Food / Drinking Water

Brush Management (314) / Prescribed Burn (338)(incl. Presc. Graz.-Deferment if applic.) **30**

Well (642) / Pumping Plant (533) / Spring Development (574) **20**

Trough or Tank (614) **20**

Pipeline (516) **10**

Wildlife Watering Facility(648) **20**

Other (5 pts. each, maximum 15 pts.)

2. Conservation Practice Selection Total:

3. Other Considerations - Potential Points - 80 (10%)

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.

A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.

**Potential
Points**

**Bench-
mark**

**Points -
After**

20

0

B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.

15

0

C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/proposed sec. 319 project.

15

0

D. This land is within a NMED designated Category 1 watershed.

15

0

E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.

15

0

3. Other Considerations

Total:

0

Total Points(after minus Benchmark): Sec 1 _____ Sec 2 _____ Sec 3 _____

Total for worksheet _____

Note: A minimum of 160 points must be earned to be considered for contract selection.

Designated Conservationist

Date